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H. R. 2582

To extend the supplemental security income program to Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PIERLUISI, and Mr. SABLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY**
4 **INCOME PROGRAM TO PUERTO RICO, THE**
5 **UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM, AND**
6 **AMERICAN SAMOA.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Social Security
8 Amendments of 1972 (86 Stat. 1484) is amended by strik-
9 ing subsection (b).

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) DEFINITION OF STATE.—Section
3 1101(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1301(a)(1)) is amended by striking the 4th sentence
5 and inserting the following: “Such term when used
6 in title XVI includes Puerto Rico, the United States
7 Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.”.

8 (2) ELIMINATION OF LIMIT ON TOTAL PAY-
9 MENTS TO THE TERRITORIES.—Section 1108 of
10 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) is amended—

11 (A) in the section heading, by striking “;
12 **LIMITATION ON TOTAL PAYMENTS**”;

13 (B) by striking subsection (a); and

14 (C) in subsection (c), by striking para-
15 graphs (2) and (4) and redesignating para-
16 graphs (3) and (5) as paragraphs (2) and (4),
17 respectively.

18 (3) UNITED STATES NATIONALS TREATED THE
19 SAME AS CITIZENS.—Section 1614(a)(1)(B) of such
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

21 (A) in clause (i)(I), by inserting “national,
22 or” after “citizen”; and

23 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “or na-
24 tional” after “citizen”.

1 (4) TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN GEOGRAPHIC
2 MEANING OF UNITED STATES.—Section 1614(e) of
3 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(e)) is amended by strik-
4 ing “and the District of Columbia” and inserting “,
5 the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United
6 States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American
7 Samoa”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2009.

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